

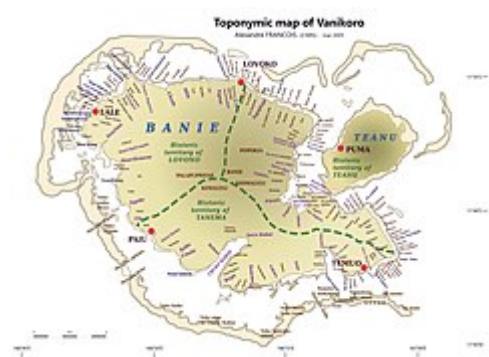
Tanema language

Tanema (Tetawo, Tetau) is a nearly extinct language of the island of Vanikoro, in the easternmost province of the Solomon Islands.

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Vitality



Map of Vanikoro I., showing the historical territories of the three tribes of Lovono, Tanema and Teanu.^[3]

As of 2012, Tanema is only spoken by one speaker, Lainol Nalo.^{[1][4]} It has been replaced by Teanu, the main language of Vanikoro.

The language

Some information on Tanema, as well as on the two other languages of the island, can be found in François (2009).

Tanema	
Tetawo	
Native to	Solomon Islands
Region	Vanikoro
Native speakers	1 (2012) ^[1]
Language family	Austronesian <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Malayo-Polynesian ▪ Oceanic ▪ Temotu ▪ Utupua–Vanikoro ▪ Vanikoro ▪ Tanema
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	tnx
Glottolog	tane1237 (http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/tane1237) ^[2]

Notes

1. Homepage of the linguist A. François (<http://alex.francois.online.fr/AF-field.htm#Solomons>) (CNRS).
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3. Source: Maps of Vanikoro (languages, place names) (<http://alex.francois.online.fr/AF-maps-Vanikoro.htm#a>).
4. "The Mystery of the Sinking South Pacific Islands" — Part 2: A Language's Lone Survivor (<http://www.spiegel.de/international/world/south-pacific-islands-threatened-by-more-than-just-rising-sea-levels-a-838675-2.html>) (article in Der Spiegel, 15/06/2012).

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External links

- Audio recordings in the Tanema language (https://pangloss.cnrs.fr/corpus/list_rsc_en.php?lg=Tanema), in open access, by A. François (source: *Pangloss Collection of CNRS*).
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